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# At the Sub-committee at Salters Hall in BREADSTREET.



HEREAS by Ordinance of Parliament of the 26 of *March* last, the Collectors for the weekly Meale within this City of *London* and the Liberties, are after assesment of each person within the limits, to make demand thereof, of the person so assessed, or at his or their usuall place of abode; And upon faile of payment to levy double the summe or summes so Assessed, together with the necessary charges which shall bee expended in the collecting thereof by way of Distresse upon his or their goods and chattels, and shall sell the Distresse and returne the over-plus to the Owner, and if no Distresse bee, then upon Certificate thereof, by the Sub-committee for this City, to the Lord Major, his Lordship is forthwith to grant his Warrant for the Apprehension and Commitment of such persons to safe custody, without Baile or Maine-prise, so to continue untill satisfaction bee made of the said Assesment, And whereas also by the said Ordinance it is provided, that if any Assessors, Collectors, or Constable, within the said City or the Liberties, shall refuse the said Service, or prove negligent or faulty therein, upon Certificate made by the said Sub-committee to the Lord Major, hee is forthwith to grant his Warrant for the Commitment of such persons to prison; or they are to bee fined by the Common Councill or their Committee, the Fine not to exceed ten pounds for each offence, which is to bee levied by Distresse, and sale of the offenders Goods, and the monies to bee employed, as is by the said Ordinance directed.

This Committee being certainly informed of the many defaults, both of the parties assessed, and of the Collectors within this City and Liberties, in not paying and bringing in the monies so assessed, to the great hindrance of the publique Service: For the better discharge of their duty, and the trust in them reposed in this behalfe; Do Order, and thinke fit, that all the Collectors of this City and liberties, shall upon next, at of the Clock in the afternoon; Here, in this place, bring in their Bills for their respective Divisions, and a particular Certificate in writing under their hands, what persons are in arreare with their assessments, and for how long time, and what their weekly charge is, and which of them have Distresses whereupon to levy the same, and whether demand hath been made of such persons, or at their usuall places of abode. That upon report thereof made, this Committee may proceed to do further, as by the said Ordinance is injoynd and directed.

And it is further Ordered, that the Clerk of this Committee, for the better conveyance thereof, doe cause this Order to bee forthwith Printed, and a Printed Copy to bee delivered to some one Collector of each respective Division, or left at the place of his or their abode, who is to acquaint his Partners therewith. And they are all of them to take notice of the Contents hereof, for discharge of what concernes them therein, as they tender the Publique Good, and will answer the contrary.